

IN THE SPECIFICATION

[28] However, if necessary, the ring gear 58 can be bolted or welded to the differential case half 72 to achieve a more secure attachment. Further, the differential case halves 70, 72 can be bolted to each other with a plurality of fasteners 112 (only one is schematically shown with dashed lines in Figure 2), or can be attached to each other without fasteners by a welding process. If the case halves 70, 72 are welded together, then each case half 70, 72~~50, 52~~ should preferably be made from forged or cast steel. If welding is not used, the case halves 70, 72 can be formed from iron, which is cheaper and lighter than steel.